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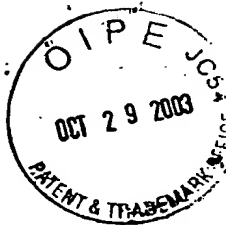
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the Office Action of September 26, 2003 (the one-month response date for which is October 27, 2003 (since October 26, 2003 was a Sunday)), please preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks and the Response to Restriction** begin on page 8 of this paper.